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In the Application of:

Nobuaki MITAMURA et al.

Serial No. 09/697,179

Group Art Unit: 2882

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Examiner: Krystyna Schecki

For: AIRGAP TYPE ETALON APPARATUS UTILIZING THE SAME

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Sir:

On October 27, 2000, applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement with a PTO Form 1449. A copy of this form has not yet been returned to the applicant to confirm that the references cited therein have been considered. Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner confirm consideration of these references by initialing and returning that 1449 form. For convenience, a copy of the 1449 (and date stamped postcard) is attached to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

## 1. Enclosures accompanying this Information Disclosure Statement are:

- 1a.  Form PTO-1449.
- 1b.  Copies of IDS citations.
- 1c.  An English language copy of search report(s) from a counterpart foreign application or a PCT International Search Report.
- 1d.  English language translation (complete or relevant portion(s)) attached to each non-English language publication.
- 1e.  Explanations of Relevancy of References (ATTACHMENT 1(e), hereto) for providing a concise explanation of each non-English publication.
- 1f.  List of Copending Applications (ATTACHMENT 1(f), hereto).

2.  In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, a concise explanation of what is presently understood to be the relevance of each non-English language publication is:

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